

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 in the above mentioned Office Action.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Spitzer (US 6,349,001 hereinafter, Spitzer). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Independent claims 1 and 8, thus, also dependent claims 2-7, and 9-20 include limitations neither disclosed nor suggested by Spitzer.

According to the independent claim 1, the present invention relates to a system for operating and observing. Claim 1 includes the limitation of at least one mobile equipment for wireless communication with a stationary system wherein the mobile equipment can send and receive audio and video signals. Furthermore, claim 1 includes the limitation that the stationary system is connected to an augmented reality system via a data link and wherein information about the stationary system is requested through the mobile equipment through either said audio and/or video signals and the augmented reality system provides said requested information about said stationary system to said mobile equipment. Such a system allows to request information about the particular stationary system, for example, for maintenance purposes. To this end, one limitation of the independent claims requires that the stationary system is coupled with an augmented reality system to provide feedback to the user of the mobile equipment who will maintain the stationary system.

Spitzer discloses merely an input/output device for a computer system. Such a system could be used as the mobile equipment in the present application. However, Spitzer does not disclose the other limitations of the independent claims as explained above and emphasized by HOU03:942564.1

underlining. The Examiner cited specific sections of Spitzer as disclosing the limitations of the present independent claims. Applicant agrees that col. 1, ln. 65 to col. 2, ln. 37 and col. 9, lns. 6-48 of Spitzer discloses a mobile equipment which can be wirelessly coupled for data transmission. However, col. 11 ln. 42 to col. 12 ln. 16 of Spitzer does not disclose a stationary system which is connected to an augmented reality system. The cited paragraph merely discloses that the mobile equipment can be used as an input/output device usable in video conferencing. Other proposed uses are surveillance systems, such as in a hospital or for use by law enforcement. Finally, a telepresence system is disclosed which provides information from a remote location which gives the user the impression of being in the remote location, as for example in a virtual reality system. However, Spitzer does not disclose that a stationary system is present which is connected to an augmented reality system. Neither does Spitzer disclose anything about providing information about the stationary system back to the mobile equipment so that the user of the mobile system can maintain the stationary system based on the requested information.

Col. 6 lns. 4-40 of Spitzer discloses an application of the mobile equipment as a data input system. However, this paragraph again fails to disclose the above mentioned claim limitations. Spitzer merely discloses to use the mobile equipment as a scanner device with automated pattern recognition. The recognized pattern is however independent from any stationary device and provides no connection to an augmented reality system.

Nowhere in Spitzer, is a system disclosed or suggested which provides for a stationary system coupled with an augmented reality system that can communicate with a mobile equipment so that a user of the mobile equipment can transmit, for example, a current status of the system and request information about how to operate maintain, calibrate, adjust, etc. the

stationary system. Spitzer, therefore does not anticipate the independent claims of the present application.

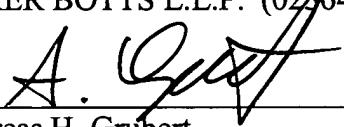
The dependent claims 2-7, and 9-20 include all the limitations of the respective independent claims. Therefore, these claims are patentable at least to the extent of the independent claims.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the agent of record by telephone or facsimile. If there are any fees due with the filing of this Response, including any fees for an extension of time, Applicants respectfully Petition the Commissioner for such an extension and direct that any and all fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 071308.0231.

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